

Translation

April 14, 2022

His Excellency Mr. Joe Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC
The United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

Abolition of nuclear weapons and realization of eternal peace are the earnest wish of the people of Japan, the only nation in the world which suffered from the atomic bombings. It is also a sincere wish of the 9.2 million citizens of Kanagawa Prefecture.

It was found out that your country had conducted subcritical nuclear tests in June and September last year.

Possessing nuclear arms and conducting nuclear tests, which leads to development of new nuclear weapons, betray the expectations of people of the world who desire abolition of nuclear weapons. They run counter to the efforts of the international society for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

The tests have been carried out and later revealed through the media. This has been repeated in spite of our protest, and we feel strong resentment against the fact.

In order to achieve nuclear disarmament and everlasting peace of the world, Kanagawa Prefectural Government and all the municipalities within the prefecture hereby express our opposition against all forms of nuclear tests by any country. We strongly request that your country keenly realizes the responsibility and never conducts nuclear tests in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

MOTOMURA Kentaro
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Mayors' Association

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